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NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FAR EAST REGION, SRI
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1. THE UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND) AT ITS MEET-
ING IN FEBRUARY 1977 DECIDED TO REQUIRE THAT ATTENDANCE OF
OBSERVERS FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EA REGION BE CONDI-
TIONAL ON REQUESTS FROM AT LEAST FIVE GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE
REGION.

2. THE 1977 MEETING WAS HELD IN PATTAYA, THAILAND, AND THE U.S. WAS REPRESENTED IN OBSERVER STATUS, AS WERE CANADA, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN. IN 1977 SEVEN EA REGION GOVERNMENTS REQUESTED, THOUGH THE UN TTVI-SION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS IN GENEVA, THAT THE U.S. BE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER. THE REQUESTS CAME FROM AUSTRALIA, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, THAILAND AND UK (FOR HONG KONG).

3. THE USG TAKES KEEN INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE OPERATIONAL HEADS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE RESTRICTIVE

PROCEDURE REGARDING OBSERVERS ADOPTED BY THE CND, THE USG WILL NOT ACTIVELY SOLICIT AN INVITATION. IF THE QUESTION OF USG ATTENDANCE IS RAISED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, NARCOTICS COORDINATORS SHOULD INDICATE OUR PREPAREDNESS TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION IF ONE IS PROFFERED.

4. FYI: THE OPERATIONAL HEADS AT THEIR NOVEMBER 1976 MEETING IN MANILA DISSENTED FROM AN EARLIER CND (FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION) DECISION TO EXCLUDE NON-REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ATTENDANCE IN AN OBSERVER CAPACITY. THE PROCEDURE OF MAKING AN INVITATION CONDITIONAL ON FIVE REQUESTS FROM THE REGION IS A COMPROMISE SOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CND. END FYI.

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5. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. MISSION GENEVA OF ANY ACTIONS BY HOST GOVERNMENTS IN THIS REGARD.

6. FOR WELLINGTON: THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR ALERT REPORTING PER REFTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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